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Tender

School Payroll and HR Administration Services

Cumberland Council

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Scope

Reference

DN775783

Description

Cumberland Council plans to establish a framework of up to 4 suppliers who can offer an effective, timely and cost-effective Payroll & HR Administration service to maintained non-chequebook schools within the footprint of Cumberland Council.

Currently there are 74 schools who plan to initially use this framework which are predominantly Primary Schools, and range in size of staffing numbers however the numbers may change subject to individual school needs.

It is envisaged that a maximum of 4 suppliers will be awarded onto the framework.

Further competitions will be conducted under the framework by individual schools (or by the Council on behalf of individual schools) and these will be awarded on price alone.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £642,000 excluding VAT
- £770,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79631000 - Personnel and payroll services

Contract locations

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

4

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

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Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 June 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

23 June 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The documents are available via The Chest - <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

For support using the chest please contact Proactis, using the supplier support area.

For clarifications, please ensure all correspondence is via The Chest using the message area.

Suppliers wishing to express an interest and obtain access to the tender documents should go to www.the-chest.org.uk and click on current opportunities from the navigation area on the left of the screen. On the next screen enter the contract Reference (DN775783) in the box labelled 'contains' then click search.

Click on the Blue link for the contract title to view the opportunity.

To express an interest you will need to login. If you are not already

registered on the www.the-chest.org.uk you will need to return to the home page and click on Register. Register FREE link in the navigation area on the left of the screen. Registration is free of charge and your username and password will be emailed to you.

Cumberland Council is fully supportive of all aspects of diversity including ethnicity, race, religion, age, disability and sexual orientation. In this respect Cumberland Council welcomes expressions of interest from ethnic minority, disabled and other diverse business communities and the voluntary sector.

Economic operators are therefore required to fully comply with all statutory obligations/applicable legislation and there will be a requirement to participate in the Authority's supplier audits on all aspects of diversity.

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right:

(i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and

(ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers.

The contracting authority reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The value provided in this notice is only an estimate.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 June 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	55%
Price	Price	35%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Cumberland Council

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government